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Human rights and religious freedom groups commended President Barack Obama for signing an executive order Wednesday imposing sanctions on eight top Iranian officials responsible for serious human rights violations.

It was the first time the Obama administration had imposed sanctions on Iran over human rights abuses.

“We must send the clear message to the Iranian government that the international community will not tolerate with impunity continued human rights and religious freedom violations,” remarked Leonard Leo, chair of the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom, a bipartisan federal government commission, in a statement.